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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
DEPARTMENT 9

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA

Plaintiff,

COURT CASE NO. 25F-09634  
AMENDED COMPLAINT

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vs.

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**ABEL ANGEL SANTIAGO**

DOB: 11/01/2002

ID NO. D000472216

CII:

**DA CASE NO. 079-720399**

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Defendant.

Appearance Date: March 2, 2026

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The District Attorney of San Luis Obispo County, California, hereby accuses the  
above named defendant of the following criminal offenses:

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Count 1

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On or about November 13, 2025, in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, the  
crime of Conspiracy To Commit A Crime in violation of PC182(a)(1), a Felony, was  
committed in that ABEL ANGEL SANTIAGO did unlawfully conspire together and with  
another person and persons whose identity is unknown to commit the crime of Murder in  
the First Degree, in violation of Section 187(a) of the Penal Code, a felony; that pursuant to  
and for the purpose of carrying out the objectives and purposes of the aforesaid

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1 conspiracy, the said defendant or his coconspirator committed the following overt act and  
2 acts at and in the County of Santa Barbara: Picked up the victim in the vehicle they  
3 occupied, brandished a firearm at the victim, removed a cell phone from the victim's  
4 person, and drove to the border between Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties;  
5 and for the purpose of carrying out the objectives and purposes of the aforesaid  
6 conspiracy, the said defendant or his coconspirator committed the following overt act and  
7 acts at and in the of San Luis Obispo: Drove the victim to a location on Hwy 166; Stopped  
8 the vehicle; and shot the victim.

9 NOTICE: Conviction of a conspiracy to commit any serious felony within the meaning of  
10 Penal Code Section 1192.7(c) or any crime specified in Penal Code Section 290 will  
11 disqualify you from sentencing pursuant to Penal Code Section 1170(h).

12 Count 2

13 On or about November 13, 2025, in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, the  
14 crime of Accessory to Murder in violation of Penal Code Section 32, a Felony, was  
15 committed in that that ABEL ANGEL SANTIAGO unlawfully, having knowledge that the  
16 crime of murder, a felony, in violation of Section 187(a) of the Penal Code of the State of  
17 California had been committed by Francisco Angel Santiago, did harbor, conceal, and aid  
18 said Francisco Angel Santiago, with the intent that he might avoid and escape from arrest,  
19 trial, conviction, and punishment for said felony.

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21 It is further alleged pursuant to Penal Code Section 1170(b)(2) that one or more of the  
22 following factors in aggravation listed in California Rule of Court 4.421 may apply to the  
23 defendant(s) or to conduct of the defendant(s):

24 4.421(a)(1) The crime involved great violence, great bodily harm, threat of great bodily  
25 harm, and other acts disclosing a high degree of cruelty, viciousness and callousness.

26 4.421(a)(2) The defendant was armed with or used a weapon at the time of the  
27 commission of the crime.

- 1 4.421(a)(3) The victim was particularly vulnerable.
- 2 4.421(a)(4) The defendant induced others to participate in the commission of the crime  
3 and occupied a position of leadership and dominance of other participants in its  
4 commission.
- 5 4.421(a)(5) The defendant induced a minor to commit or assist in the commission of the  
6 crime.
- 7 4.421(a)(6) The defendant threatened witnesses, unlawfully prevented and dissuaded  
8 witnesses from testifying, suborned perjury, and in any other way illegally interfered with  
9 the judicial process.
- 10 4.421(a)(7) The defendant is charged with other crimes for which consecutive sentences  
11 can be imposed but for which concurrent sentences shall be imposed.
- 12 4.421(a)(8) The manner in which the crime was carried out indicates planning,  
13 sophistication, or professionalism.
- 14 4.421(a)(9) The crime involved an attempted or actual taking or damage of great monetary  
15 value.
- 16 4.421(a)(10) The crime involved a large quantity of contraband.
- 17 4.421(a)(11) The defendant took advantage of a position of trust and confidence to commit  
18 the offense.
- 19 4.421(a)(12) The crime constitutes a hate crime under section 422.55 of the Penal Code  
20 and no hate crime enhancements under section 422.75 of the Penal Code shall be  
21 imposed and the crime is not subject to sentencing under section 1170.8 of the Penal  
22 Code.
- 23 4.421(b)(1) The defendant has engaged in violent conduct that indicates a serious danger  
24 to society.
- 25 4.421(b)(2) The defendant's prior convictions as an adult and sustained petitions in  
26 juvenile delinquency proceedings are numerous and of increasing seriousness.

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1 4.421(b)(3) The defendant has served a prior term in prison and county jail under section  
2 1170(h).

3 4.421(b)(4) The defendant was on probation, mandatory supervision, post release  
4 community supervision, and parole when the crime was committed.

5 4.421(b)(5) The defendant's prior performance on probation, mandatory supervision, post  
6 release community supervision, and parole was unsatisfactory.

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1 All of which is contrary to the statute in such cases made and provided, and against  
2 the peace and dignity of the People of the State of California.

3 I declare that an investigation has been conducted to determine if said Defendant(s)  
4 did commit the stated crime, which reports are attached hereto and incorporated herein by  
5 reference, and that the facts therein show probable cause that the said Defendant(s) did  
6 commit the crime. Your declarant requests the issuance of a Warrant of Arrest either if  
7 said Defendant(s) do not appear voluntarily in response to an appearance letter, or if no  
8 appearance letter was issued.

9 **Discovery Request:** Pursuant to Penal Code Section 1054.5(b), the People are  
10 hereby informally requesting that defense counsel provide discovery to the people as  
11 required by Penal Code Section 1054.3.

12 On this day February 2, 2026, in the County of San Luis Obispo, I certify and  
13 declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

14 Dated: February 2, 2026

15 DAN DOW  
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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19 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
20 HUNTER STARR  
21 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

22 Upon review of the reports attached and incorporated herein by reference, I find sufficient  
23 probable cause to warrant the defendant(s) continued detention.

24 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
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26 Judge of the Superior Court

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SUMMARY PAGE

Cnt	Charge	Range	Defendant(s)	Special Allegation	Effect
1	PC182(a)(1)		Abel Angel Santiago		
2	PC32		Abel Angel Santiago		